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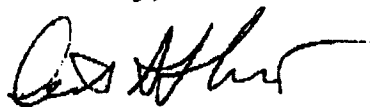
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Stop the litigation against Microsoft. Enough is enough. The money spent so far on this case has been ludicrous, and the idea of more litigation makes me very upset.

There are many specific changes mandated by the settlement that will affect the entire IT industry. For instance, Microsoft already has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows. Plus, the company has agreed to a "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement. Clearly, these restrictions on Microsoft will benefit consumers the most.

The recession has had a large effect on state budgets and the federal budget, and it is important that the technology industry be allowed to concentrate on business now. Let Microsoft do what it does best and, at the same time, do what is best for all of us.

Sincerely,



David Schofield